IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

- 1. (Cancelled).
- 2. (Currently Amended) The verification test bench system in elaim 1 A verification test bench system for testing a system-on-a-chip (SOC) interface of an SOC, said verification test bench system comprising:

a verification interface model connected to said SOC interface; and
a test bench external bus interface unit (EBIU) connected to said verification
interface model,

wherein said test bench EBIU is connected to a SOC EBIU within said SOC, and wherein said SOC EBIU allows a test case running in said SOC to control both said SOC interface and said verification interface model.

- (Cancelled).
- 4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Cancelled).

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